



M3 CHARDONNAY



Style

M3 is at the forefront of the ongoing refinement and evolution of Australian Chardonnay. We aim for elegance, restraint and the capacity to age in bottle.

2014 M3 Chardonnay

A beautifully complex nose showing lemon, apple and white peach along with biscuit notes. The palate displays trademark M3 elegance and restraint with an extra dimension of creaminess through the finish. A wine of depth and concentration that balances generous fruit flavours with savoury characters and crisp acidity.

Vintage

2014 was not without its challenges, with small crops due to some unsettled weather during flowering. In mid-February a string of half a dozen hot days ended with a significant amount of rain over 24 hours. The following four weeks of dry, mild and sunny weather from late February was just what the vines needed, and the results are very exciting.

Source

Sourced principally from the Shaw + Smith vineyard at Lenswood. Low yields achieved by aggressive pruning and pre harvest bunch thinning. Hand picked to avoid fruit damage.

Vinification

Whole bunches chilled overnight prior to pressing. Barrel fermentation in new, one and two year old French barriques. Wild yeast fermentation and partial malolactic fermentation add complexity and mouth-feel.

Maturation

Nine months in barrique, with some lees stirring to build complexity. Special care is taken not to over oak the wine, maintaining fruit integrity.

Cellaring

Now until 2022

Ideal Serving Temperature

9°C

Food

Grilled King George Whiting with a caper butter sauce.

History

The Adelaide Hills produces some of Australia's finest Chardonnay. Since its first release (vintage 2000) M3 has quickly established a reputation amongst Australia's finest.

Shaw + Smith

Established: 1989 by cousins Martin Shaw and Michael Hill Smith MW.

Vision: To make exciting, modern wines that rank amongst Australia's best.

Styles: Shaw + Smith specialise in grape varieties suited to the cooler climate of the Adelaide Hills: Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Shiraz from selected sites.

Winemakers: Martin Shaw and Adam Wadewitz